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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner  
**Sanjiv Shah**

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 15-19, 21-23, and 25-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 14, 20, and 24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirements.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2 20) ☐ Other:

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim subject matter in the last step recites "the one server", however, it is indefinite as to which server.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-13, 15-19, 21-23 and 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sotiroff et al (Patent # 5,852,810) in view of WO 97/14054 ('Girerd).

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With respect to claims 1, 7, 15 and 25, Sotiroff et al teaches a method for searching for information accessible through a client/server network containing a plurality of servers such as user searches specific geographic areas by selecting, on graphic maps specific areas of interest, see abstract, the method comprising connecting to one of the plurality of servers, such as information search system comprising World Wide Web home page for connection; receiving a graphical map of a geographic area from the server and displaying the graphical map on a display device such as system comprising script files for searching for housing information in a desired geographic region and the system also is configured to display a graphical map. With regard to claimed feature such as entering search criteria for locating at least one hypertext document based on graphic position Sotiroff further teaches the system that is configured to accept a query criteria and search a database containing property listing for properties listed in the desired region meeting the entered search criteria; and further discloses that user is allowed to select properties from the map with a pointing device and subsequently view information describing the selected properties, see abstract.

Sotiroff et al teaches the claimed subject matter as discussed herein above, however, the prior art is silent about the claimed feature such as located hypertext document is accessible from another server different from the one server. However, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made that the hypertext document is accessible from World Wide Web home page to more than one server because the web page is accessible through the Internet using any standard Internet browser.

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With respect to claims 2, and 8, such as claimed step of selecting the hypertext document included in the search result and downloading information relating to the selected hypertext document, Stotiroff et al teaches information describing the specific point of interest held in a database and can be accessed by the user selecting the corresponding point on the display, and user is allowed to build a list of points of interest and can be submitted for response, see col. 2, lines 25- 33.

With respect to claims 3, and 16, Stotiroff et al clearly discloses the hypertext document is a world wide web page and the computer network is the Internet, see abstract and col. 2, lines 18-23.

With respect to claim 4, Stotiroff et al discloses that the search system and method is performed as an aspect of executing a program for browsing the world wide web, see col. 2, lines 18-21.

With respect to claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 18, 19, 26 and 27, Stotiroff et al does not clearly discloses that hypertext document includes geographic position information and has named based upon the geographic position information. Girerd teaches client-server based remote locator device comprising GPS receiver or positioning device as a remote server which is identified based on the identification code, see page 2 last two lines and first line of page 3. It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to utilize GPS positioning device of Girerd into Stotiroff because positioning device such as GPS provides an indication of remote location superimposed on a map.

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With respect to claims 9, 22, 23, 28 and 29, Girderd teaches GPS receiver wherein user can display simple position report, e.g. latitude and longitude, see abstract.

With respect to claim 12, Stotiroff teaches users specific point of interest to be displayed as regard to claimed index including position information and web page names, see col. 2, lines 25-37.

With respect to claim 13, it is well known to skill artisan to browse the web pages using icon.

With respect to claim 17, Stotiroff teaches the Internet home page wherein the user access the page using any standard HTML browser running on a remote machine, see page 3, lines 64-68.

With respect to claim 21, Girderd teaches GPS receiver for coordinate information correlated to the map generated by graphical mapping system, see page 3, last four paragraph before drawing description.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 14, 20, and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanjiv Shah whose telephone number is (703) 305-8355.

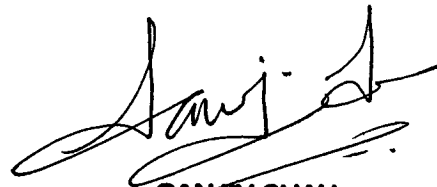
The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Kim Yen Vu can be reached at (703) 305-4393. The fax number for this group is (703) 308-5403.

Any inquiry of general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

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February 16, 2002



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